

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application:

Claims 1 and 2 (Canceled).

3. (Previously Presented) An isolated polynucleotide which comprises SEQ ID NO:1.

Claims 4-12 (Cancelled)

13 (Original): A vector comprising the isolated polynucleotide of Claim 3.Claims 14-16 (Cancelled).

17. (Currently Amended) The host cell of Claim 15, which is a Coryneform coryneform bacterium.

Claim 18. (Cancelled)

19. (Currently Amended) The host cell of Claim 15, wherein said host cell is selected from the group consisting of Corynebacterium glutamicum, Corynebacterium acetoglutamicum, Corynebacterium acetoacidophilum, Corynebacterium melassecola, Corynebacterium thermoaminogenes, and Brevibacterium flavum, Brevibacterium lactofermentum, and Brevibacterium divarieatum.

20-36 (Canceled)

- 37. (Currently Amended) A method for making LuxR protein, comprising: culturing the host cell of Claim 19 Claim 14 for a time and under conditions suitable for expression of LuxR protein, and collecting the LuxR protein.
- 38. (Original): A method for making LuxR protein, comprising: culturing the host cell of Claim 15 for a time and under conditions suitable for expression of LuxR protein, and collecting the LuxR protein.

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- 52, 50. (New) The host cell of Claim 19, which is Corynebacterium glutamicum.
- 53 51. (New) The method of Claim 37, wherein the host cell is Corynebacterium glutamicum.